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In re application of: Town et al.

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Examiner: SAKELARIS, Sally A

For: METHOD AND ASSAY FOR DIAGNOSING SUBSTANCE DEPENDENCY

Attorney Docket No: 0152.00413

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2002, Paper Number 7. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Granting the petition would extend the time for filing the Response to December 7, 2002. The appropriate petition fee of \$460.00 is enclosed herewith.

Please amend the application as indicated below, consistent with the instructions found attached hereto: